AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following claim listing:

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_1 , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_2 , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength λ_1 and the laser beam of the wavelength λ_2 as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$, comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3 \pm 2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

38. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

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$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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- (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 38, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength λ_1 is 976±10 nm and the wavelength λ_2 is 1485±20 nm.
- (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength λ₁ is 1064±10 nm and the wavelength λ₂ is 1320±20 nm.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 37, wherein, the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm and the wavelength λ_2 is 1565±35 nm.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 40, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength λ₂ = 1485±20 nm is a DFB laser.
- 44. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 41, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength $\lambda_3 = 1320\pm20$ nm is a DFB laser.
- 45. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 42, wherein the second laser for outputting a wavelength λ₂ = 1565±35 nm is a DFB laser.

46-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[47]] <u>37</u>, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.

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two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 546.1±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

50. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 49, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$

- 51. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 50, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 52. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 49, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser

53-54. (Canceled)

- 55. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[54]] 49, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- 56. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_1 , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_2 , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength λ_1 and the laser beam of the wavelength λ_2 as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$, comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength λ_1 is 980±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 560.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

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57. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 56, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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- 58. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 57, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 56, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

60-61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim [[61]] <u>56</u>, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength λ_1 is 1064±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

64. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claims 63, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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- 65. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 64, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 66. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 63, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser

67-68. (Canceled)

- 69. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[68]] 63, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- 70. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_1 , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_2 , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength λ_1 and the laser beam of the wavelength λ_2 as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$, comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the second laser is a semiconductor laser and the first laser oscillates in a multimode, [[and]]

wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm,

wherein the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the output of the first laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the first laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure, and

wherein the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1550±30 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

71. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 70, wherein, representing refractive indices at the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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- 72. **(Previously Presented)** The laser light source according to claim 71, wherein the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 73. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 70, wherein the second laser is a DFB laser.

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74-75. (Canceled)

- 76. (Currently Amended) The laser light source according to claim [[75]] 70, wherein at least one of the first and second lasers has a first facet that is coupled to the polarization maintaining fiber and a second facet opposite to the first facet, the first facet being specified to have a reflectance of 2% or less and the second facet being specified to have a reflectance of 90% or more.
- 77. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_1 , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_2 , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength λ_1 and the laser beam of the wavelength λ_2 as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$, comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure,

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10-60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 976±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1485±20 nm, the wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3±2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

78. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 77, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

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 $2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$.

- 79. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 78, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.
- 80. (Currently Amended) A laser light source comprising a first laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_1 , a second laser for generating a laser beam of a wavelength λ_2 , and a nonlinear optical crystal that uses the laser beam of the wavelength λ_1 and the laser beam of the wavelength λ_2 as inputs and outputs a coherent beam having a wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency that satisfies a relationship of $1/\lambda_1 + 1/\lambda_2 = 1/\lambda_3$, comprising:

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser,

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure,

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 1064 ± 10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320 ± 20 nm, the wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3 ± 2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

81. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 80, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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82. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 81, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser.

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure,

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1565±35 nm, the wavelength λ_3 of a sum frequency is a wavelength of 589.3±2 nm that is equivalent to the sodium D line.

84. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 83, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ₁, λ₂, and λ₃ by n₁, n₂, and n₃, respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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85. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 84, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser.

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 546.1±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

87. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 86, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3 by n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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88. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 87, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser.

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure,

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 980±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 560.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

90. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 89, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ₁, λ₂, and λ₃ by n₁, n₂, and n₃, respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

 (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 90, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser.

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 1064±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1320±20 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

93. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 92, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ₁, λ₂, and λ₃ by n₁, n₂, and n₃, respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
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94. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 93, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.

two polarization maintaining fibers coupled to outputs of the first and second lasers, respectively; and

a multiplexer for multiplexing outputs of the two polarization maintaining fibers and coupling a multiplexed output to the nonlinear optical crystal,

wherein the first laser is a semiconductor laser in a single mode oscillation,

the second laser is a DFB laser.

the polarization maintaining fiber coupled to the second laser has a fiber Bragg grating with a full width of half maximum of 0.5 or less and the second laser and the fiber Bragg grating are configured as a resonator structure.

the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure and a length of the nonlinear optical crystal is 10 - 60 mm, and

the wavelength λ_1 is 940±10 nm, the wavelength λ_2 is 1550±30 nm, and the wavelength λ_3 of the sum frequency is a wavelength of 585.0±5.0 nm corresponding to a yellow range.

96. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 95, wherein, representing refractive indices of the wavelengths λ₁, λ₂, and λ₃ by n₁, n₂, and n₃, respectively, the nonlinear optical crystal has a periodically poled structure of a period Λ that satisfies

$$2\pi n_3/\lambda_3 = 2\pi n_1/\lambda_1 + 2\pi n_2/\lambda_2 + 2\pi n_2/\Lambda$$
.

97. (Previously Presented) The laser light source according to claim 96, wherein, the nonlinear optical crystal has a waveguide structure.